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The Dramatic Club at Work With Richelieu

A short time ago, the Howard College Dramatic Club held the contest for those who are to take part in the play entitled "Richelieu." A goodly number of students took part in the contest, and the competition was keen. The splendid exhibition of talent shown last year in the "Lady of Lyons" tempted the management to undertake this year the presentation of "Richelieu."

The cast of the play is, as follows: Mr. Louis Howard will appear in the title role; Miss Harriet Harper will be seen as "Julie," Mr. C. E. Lane as "Demauprat", and Mr. E. H. Crampton as "Baradas," while Miss M. Robinson, Messrs. G. S. Ruffin, H. B. Wallace, W. Hanna, J. R. Cook, J. W. Jackson, C. T. Holmes, Willard Grinnage, and Mosby McAden will all play important parts.

The entire cast is a strong one.

With the careful and competent direction of Mr. Nathaniel Guy, the public will witness one of the best performances of its kind ever given by colored talent. The Manager, Mr. A. H. Tavernier, is planning a tour for this season. It is his intention to present "Richelieu" in Baltimore, Phila-



Cast of "The Lady of Lyons" presented at Howard Theatre Feb. 23, 1913

First Row from left to right sitting: Miss Ruth Tuel, Mr. W. Tucker, Miss O. McCarthy, Mr. Louis Howard, Miss M. Sumner. Second Row from left to right: Manager Mr. W. Winthrop, Mr. W. Hanna, Mr. John Purnell, Mr. Guy S. Ruffin, Mr. J. U. Allen, Mr. E. H. Crampton, Miss J. Bugg, Mr. O. Cooper. Third Row from left to right: Mr. C. Richmond, Mr. J. R. Cook, Mr. N. Guy, Director, Mr. A. H. Tavernier, Assistant Manager, Mr. E. Stevens, Mr. W. E. Tibbs.

delphia and Richmond. He has made a personal visit to Philadelphia and has been offered the hearty co-operation of the Alumni Association of that city.

All Howard is expected at the Howard-Shaw Game on Saturday. An interesting gridiron contest will take place.

Monster Mass Meeting. Howard Chapter of N. A. A. C. P. Launched

Unprecedented Manifestation of Interest by Students In Race Question

THE Howard University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

inaugurated its year's work with a monster mass meeting on Tuesday evening. When President Samuel Allen called the meeting to order at eight o'clock, all available space was occupied by the students, members of the Faculty and visitors. Never in the history of the University has there been a similar

outpouring of our students for such a cause. The size of the attendance and the spirit of enthusiasm that characterized the meeting demonstrated that this new association has touched the great heart of the university and roused it to active sympathy and interest in behalf of the rights of our people.

The mass meeting marks the beginning of a new movement that has a wonderful future before it—a movement which Howard University has the honor of originating. This college chapter of the N. A. A. C. P. is the first of its kind, and it is the purpose of the National Association to have similar chapters formed in every colored college in the country and in many of the white colleges. Howard thus stands first in what promises to be a far-reaching and powerful organization.

President Allen opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the origin and history of the Howard Chapter. The inspiration for such an organization came from the stirring speeches delivered by that noted defender of the Negro race, Professor Joel Spingarn, at the Metropolitan Church and in our chapel last Spring. Fired by his courageous appeal for the liberties of the Negro, the members of the class in Argumentation, feeling that the young Negro should do his part in the struggle that others were carrying on in defense of the race, decided to form at Howard a college chapter of the National Association. This meeting is the result.

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Prof. Montgomery Gregory was then introduced by the chairman as the one who had worked out the idea of the organization with the group of students and who had been working with its officers for its success since that time. Prof. Gregory referred to the beginning of the movement, paying a feeling tribute to the noble and beautiful character of Prof. Spingarn whose courageous stand for justice for the Negro had seen the direct inspiration of the movement. The speaker read a letter from Prof. Spingarn in which he enthusiastically endorsed the formation of college chapters. Prof. Spingarn said in part: "I feel very proud to think that the students of Howard University considered me a not wholly university standard bearer of the New Abolitionism; but their determination to give immediate expression to their new resolves in the field of actions is what pleases me most. I heartily approve of your project to organize University Branches in every colored college in the country, and I congratulate Howard on being the first of these branches. I agree with you that the educated young members of the race should be leaders, if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to make any real headway * * * I certainly hope to take part in a movement that promises so much for the future of ten million Americans." Professor Gregory then outlined the purpose and scope of the College Chapter and abjured every student of Howard University to embrace the opportunity of joining a movement that will mean much to the university and to the race.

The Honorable Archibald Grimke, one of the race's valiant leaders and President of the Washington Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. was introduced. In a fervid manner he urged his hearers to cast aside all shame and hypocrisy and to face the truth

in considering the present situation. "Love your country", said the speaker, "but do not forget that you have monstrous wrongs to redress and the only way to redress them is to feel them."

Prof. Alan Locke followed with a very interesting account of similar student organizations, many of them secret, which he observed during his residence at Oxford University, in England. He showed that in England as in all foreign countries there is a "Young People's Party" that champions up some great cause. The speaker hoped that this movement might develop into the *Young Negro Party* that should become a wonderful factor in the loosening of the bonds of injustice that shackle the race.

A Garrisonian appeal for an awakening to the wrongs of the race and for consecrated devotion to the battle for freedom was then given by Mr. Neval Thomas, instructor of History in the M Street High School. After forcefully sketching the growth of the National Association from a humble beginning, Mr. Thomas paid homage to the knightly men of the white race, such as Oswald Garrison Villard and Joel Spingarn, and to the noble women,

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such as Mrs. Ovington and Miss Nerney, who are at a great sacrifice waging the battle for New Freedom. The speaker closed with an earnest appeal to the students of Howard to rise *en masse* in support of these friends.

In his usually clear cut and thoughtful manner President Newman expressed his hearty approval of the movement. "This chapter", said the speaker "ought to be the West Point of the great organization that is spreading into every city of the country. Here should be drilled the young people in the cause of righteousness and democracy that they may be ready for more active parts in the campaign for freedom that is being waged by the N. A. A. C. P."

Dean Moore eloquently urged the students of Howard to ally themselves with all courses that were constructive in purpose and therefore to join the Howard chapter. Dr. Tunnell with his usual fire and earnestness declared that our country was wrong-side up and that this organization had the opportunity of turning it right-side up. "Liberty is a conquest not a bequest and must be fought for not with our mouths but in more effective ways." Dean Kelly Miller closed the program of the evening by laying down as a fundamental proposition that in all our efforts to redress wrong we must remember that this is *our* coun-

try and that we must be loyal to it and love it. He besought his hearers to bend their efforts to the development of manhood and womanhood, the true solvent of the races dilemma.

During the evening opportunity was offered the students to join the movement and hundreds embraced the opportunity. In every way the meeting was a notable success and a distinct tribute to the efforts of President Allen, Mr. Andrews, Miss Penn, Miss Lane, Mr. Brice, and Mr. Dyett and the other students who managed it. With such a great force started in the interest of the race every one must feel confident of a new day of justice and freedom in the near future.

Varsity Easily Defeats Belmonts in First Game of Season

The Belmont Tigers, composed of star foot-ball players of this city, proved to be a little or no match for the Varsity foot ball team in the first game of the season and were defeated easily by a score of 67-0. During the first half, Coach Marshall sent his first string men into the game and they piled up scores almost at will. In the second half the second string men were rushed in, and they too, continued to pile up the scores until the game ended.

The Belmonts' line and back proved so weak that no line at all could be had upon the varsity's playing. The men appeared to be strong in almost every respect save kicking for goal from the touch down, and in this respect they fell down miserably. Several varsity players took their turn at kicking for goal, but each showed a lack of experience that was very noticeable. This part of the game should be taken care of at once, for in a close game, where one point would decide, our team in its present condition would be at a great disadvantage.

The back field which has caused so much concern, since the graduation of Gray and Nixon from the ranks, showed up exceptionally well, but its work in this game could not be taken as a criterion on account of the weakness of the opponents. Gould and Pendihee of the new men played brilliantly and seemed to have all the qualities of another Terry or Gray.

The line showed all of its power and versatility that has characterized its playing for the last several years and appeared to be as formidable as ever.

The end runs of Slaughter and the working of the forward passes by Gilmore were still in evidence, while the precision with which Beamon, Dowdell, Clellan, Bell and Carter either charged through the line or blocked their opponents was revelation to all who witnessed the game.

Coach Marshall is working consistently every morning preparing his men for the harder games and much improvement is obvious. Beamon is gradually acquiring skill in kicking goal, and Davis is showing accuracy at drop kicking. In the art of catching the "spiral", the whole team improves daily and no point is left unnoticed by which the team can be made better. A much superior team than that which defeated the Belmonts will line up against Shaw this Saturday, and the result will be another victory for dear Old Howard.

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EDITORIAL

The members of the Howard College Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will certainly be desirous of hearing the voice of their association. The Crisis is the voice. Each member will take The Crisis.

We print in this issue of the JOURNAL the cut of the cast and management of "The Lady of Lyons," the play presented last

year by the College Dramatic Club. This is the first appearance of the cut in the JOURNAL; and we feel that printing this cut is the least thing that we can do in helping to give honor to whom honor is due.

Letter of Significance Received from Arts and Sciences Graduate of 1913

Many inspiring letters are received at the Dean's office from members of the College Class of 1913. A short time ago, a letter was received from Mr. James E. Rose, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, which exemplifies significance encouraging to all Howard.

Mr. Rose, a graduate of Howard Academy and College, assists in blazing the way for Negro college men in the study of Theology. This fact, together with the thought of the great need of energetic and efficient Negro ministers of the Gospel, is sufficient to command for Mr. Rose the highest hopes of his former teachers and fellow collegians.

In his letter, Mr. Rose says, that every thing at the seminary is conducive to study, and that a spirit of prayer seems to pervade the atmosphere. In part, the letter reads, "I find myself to the same extent enjoying my work here, too. Although I have for a long time intended to study the ministry, I never before realized that it would prove to be such an interesting study as I have found it since I have been here. Here I find so many interesting lines of departure from the work I had while in College, and yet, my work there shows itself every day to have been a special preparation for the work I am doing here."

At another place, Mr. Rose mentions the sincere devotion and deep interest with which the instructors of the seminary go into their work and says, "This spirit has taken hold of me too, I

believe; and if there were no Howard College to work for, I think I would labor hard anyway that I might go away from here as fully equipped for the fray as I could be. As it is though, I have Howard in mind, and shall do all that I can that her glory may not fade."

Athletic Council

The Athletic Council met at four p. m. on Thursday, October 23.

The Council was requested to authorize the track team to participate in the indoor meet held in New York City by the Emancipation Exposition, Saturday evening, October 25. Because of the lack of definite information upon which to act, the Council referred the matter to a committee, with power to act, composed of Coach Marshall, Prof. E. P. Davis and Mr. S. A. Allen. This committee after two meetings in which the whole matter was carefully considered, decided to withhold approval of the trip for two reasons;

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(1) two of the track athletes are in doubtful standing; (2) the eligible track men are not in training and their participation in an indoor-meet might at this time be followed by grave physical effects.

The election by the Athletic Association of the following officers was confirmed: representatives to the Council, N. O. Goodloe of the College of Arts and Sciences and J. M. Jackson of the School of Law, succeeding W. H. Foster and C. B. Curley; baseball manager, Lorenzo D. Turner; track manager, Henry A. Merchant.

The Council noted the splendid and intelligent service of Mr. Curley as he retires as the student representative of the Law School. By unanimous vote he was requested to continue his work in planning for the erection of a suitable gymnasium. He was named gymnasium manager for an indefinite term with a seat and voice in the Council.

Also, the foot-ball schedule was confirmed by the Council.

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A Lost Opportunity

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After a careful and thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the case, the writer cannot see a reason sufficient to justify the action of the Special Committee appointed by the Athletic Council. This committee, composed of the Athletic Director, the President of the Athletic Association and the Chairman of the Games Committee, had within its power the privilege of having Howard represented at one of the greatest Negro Expositions ever held. However, in spite of the fact that Howard University had been urgently requested by Dr. DuBois, who was in charge of the meeting, Mr. Fuhrtz, the chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Exposition and even by Dean Kelly Miller, President of the Athletic Council of Howard University, to send a tract team to the Exposition, the committee, without any obvious reason threw away one of the best opportunities Howard has ever had, or probably will have soon, of establishing herself on the cinder path.

Such inducements within themselves should have been sufficient to warrant sending a team to New York; but in addition to this, the Commission generously agreed to pay the full railroad fare of the team. But, alas, all these inducements could not prevail upon the members of the Committee.

On October fourteenth, 1913,

the Director of Athletics sent a letter to Mr. Fuhrtz, stating that it would be impossible for Howard to send a track team to the Exposition. As neither the Athletic Council nor the Athletic Association had met previous to this date, we fail to see whence came the authority for this action. If the duties of the managers, as prescribed by the constitution of the Athletic Association are to be usurped and performed by others, why is it necessary to elect managers for the various sports?

On the other hand, the Chairman of the Games Committee bases his action upon the fact that two of our track men wilfully violated an order of the Council, which order, owing to the delay of the Secretary of the Council, was not received by these men in time to be carried out. In view of this fact we fail to see the justice of the allegation. And yet, in order to uphold the unwarranted assumption of power on the part of one of its members and the unjust accusation on the part of another member, the committee decreed that the team should remain at home, without considering the wishes of the student body.

The writer wishes to know if the students are willing to sit complacently by and allow such golden opportunities to glide by unheeded? Will the members of the Athletic Association continue to permit their rights to be infringed upon? These are issues that must be fought out by the students themselves, and the sooner they are met the brighter will be the prospects of athletics at Howard.

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By "Pink"

Editor's note. All students are invited to contribute to this column. Tell it at the expense of your friends.

Says Hendley: "If Edesa Toles Perry's Bell would Gorden Dingle?"

Bohanan took some rotten verse to a magazine editor for publication. "This isn't poetry, son, it's *gas*", said the Editor. "What's the trouble" eggsclaims Bo, "anything wrong with the *Meter*?"

The following was discovered on a front page of a Y. M. C. A. book:

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"Horse" Merchant promised Long that if the latter would help him to become Track Manager, he would learn to sweep and help him (Long) to keep the room in condition. Question is: "Willie?"

Extra! Extra! All about Miss Gatewood's being shot. Cupid still busy. She is unable at last to resist. All the facts are not yet in, but a young fellow named Smithers is thought to have some thing to do with it.

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Miss Lee, (female hero). "Oh me lord. Be not so cruel."

F. A. Taylor treated two Senior girls to candy not long since, the total amount spent being \$00,000.001 divided between them. Why can't we all get off so lightly? There's Thompson for instance who has been purchasing sweets for two weeks and is not yet fully reinstated.

Seen and Heard at the Rush

Freshman (on the pole)— "So near and yet so far".

"Oh Jamesie, whilst thou pursueth thy major subjects at H'v'd Beamon ardently doth pursue thy Major subject at H'w'd".— Axe 2,22.

McAden (to Freshie on top)— "Would you mind raising up just a minute? I want to lie on my other side".

Obliging Freshie— "Certainly sir".

"Fattie" Brooks (holding two Freshmen)— "Don't break away fellows; here are two passes to the show at the Belasco this week". This inducement failed to save him, however.

Eddie "Caesar" Carey was one of the leaders of the belligerent underlings. As they approached the pole, he yelled "Charge". The Sophs heard him also and obeyed very promptly.

"Denver Kid" Holmes certainly had lots of fun. His last bit of merriment was tying Contee Cook up in the bow-knot fashion and watching him extricate himself to be done up again.

It is truthfully reported that a second-year Commercial student

fought in the "Rush" as a Freshman. Some one told him that he was supposed to do so, and knowing no better he went gamely into it—and came lamely out of it.

Jim Granady came near having to do some fighting. In the hubbub he grabbed at little Geo. Washington, missed him and caught Goodloe instead. Realizing his error, he immediately apologized and withdrew to other quarters.

Miss Watson was writing a note while an evesdropper peeped over her shoulder. "Now, Mr. Waits, you must not say such things. I cannot". As luck would have it, the evesdropper had to sneeze and be seen.

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The N. A. A. C. P. Mass Meeting

(Held over from last issue)

The monster mass meeting held October 27th at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, vigorously protesting against the alleged segregation of Negroes employed in the departments of the National Government, spoke out loudly, in sound though scathing terms, to the administration of the government and to the people of the nation that race segregation in the departments was unjust, undemocratic and fraught with impending and irrepressible danger. Although emphatic, determined and unflinching was the opposition to segregation, the meeting, at no time, showed signs of unruly emotion, hasty superficiality or boisterous indignation. Far from that, the meeting exemplified sane, judicious and peaceful endeavor and expression. Mr. Villard's suggestion of "Peaceful Rebellion" received applause indicative of perfect agreement as well as unstinted determination on this plan.

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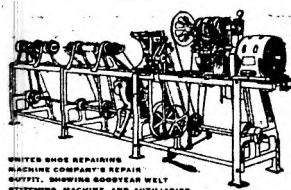
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the Negro race in this country, various solutions and procedures are proposed and urged. Some people put stress on the development of character and intellect; other people emphasize the gaining of land and industry; a number of people estimate the effect of physical resistance; and many of the people advocate trust in God. The meeting of last Monday night, however, served to bring together all versatile opinions and center them upon one common method and end: develop character and intellect; get land and industry; and put the greatest trust in God; but above all else, wage a "peaceful rebellion" against each and every product of prejudice and injustice. Agitate, protest, and in the language of a friend to the race, "Make wool fly", but be peaceful about it; for the invidious, outrageous and dehumanizing wretch of segregation must advance no further but retreat to his stygian abode.

The students of Howard attended the meeting and shame on any one of them who does not make the meeting an impelling force for good in his or her life. It is alright to catch from the meeting such big ideas as the broad scope of democracy, the ilimitableness of liberty and the impartiality of justice, but may the students of Howard use the meeting as an impetus to them in training in the exercise and appreciation of the primary principles of democracy, liberty, and justice. When in control, make the rest of the people proper sharers with you in carrying out their own work; also, know that you are to exercise fully your rightful share with others in carrying out your own work. Exercise in maintaining proper and compassionate attitude toward all mankind; also, realize that you are to enjoy liberty in every sense of the word. Have prejudice for no man, treat every man with fairness in all respects; tolerate prejudice from no man and expect every point of justice which belongs to you. Indeed, let this meeting sink into our very beings, remind us that we are to succeed others in waging this, "peaceful rebellion" and cause us not to dwell upon theoretical ideas but train in the primary principles of democracy, liberty, and justice.

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Dr. D. B. Pratt Addresses the Literary Society of the School of Theology

The Literary Society of the School of Theology was favored on Wednesday afternoon, October 29th, with an address by Dr. Pratt, the new professor of that department. The subject of the address was "The Future Outlook of the Negro Minister."

Dr. Pratt said in part: "The Negro minister has an opportunity second to none of all professions." He pointed out that the minister had not only the problem of his race to deal with, but the problem of all races. "There is coming to expression the betterment of the whole race of men. The only way to make a man is to treat him as a man."

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In conclusion, Dr. Pratt said, "Let us never lose sight of the leadership of Jesus Christ. We are to live up, man for man, and seek as Christian men the advancement of Christ's kingdom."

Dr. Pratt is an ex-dean of Taldega Theological Department. At Howard he succeeds Dr. Pezavia O'Connell as teacher in Church History, Greek, and Hebrew.

The Halloween Party

The spirit of Halloween was evident on Saturday night at Spaulding Hall, where the students gathered for a pleasant night's entertainment. The occasion was prompted by Miss Hardwick, our beloved preceptress who is constantly thinking of the students'

welfare and seeking to improve the social atmosphere at Howard.

The ludicrous and in many cases excellent costumes were well chosen, and in the majority of cases, completely concealed the wearer's identity. All kinds were, of course, to be seen. In cases where the young men were in doubt, they rummaged their personal effects of bygone times and dug up fashions which represented certain ancient stages of the evolution of clothes (These garments are always useful for such affairs.) The occasion was enjoyed by all present and was typical of what such social gatherings should be.

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